

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel ~~claims~~ 16 to 34 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 10 and 15 as follows:

In claim 10, line 3, after "at least one" insert ~~insert~~ --of--.

In claim 15, line 47, ~~replace~~ "subsystem" with --facility--.

Please add the following new claims:

16 32. (Newly Added) A system for communicating with a plurality of subscribers, the communication involving content carried by signals originating from a plurality of content providers, at least one of the plurality of subscribers having access to a telecommunications system, the system for communication comprising:

- a. a program subsystem, including,
- i. a plurality of receivers, each receiver for receiving at least one of the plurality of content carrying signals;
- ii. processing means adapted for modifying the received signals, the processing means coupled to the plurality of receivers;

- b. a transmission subsystem coupled to the program subsystem and receiving from the program subsystem the received signals, the transmission subsystem including:
- i. means for digitizing the signals from the plurality of content providers;
 - ii. means for compressing the digitized signals, the compression means coupled to the digitizing means;
 - iii. a multiplexer, for multiplexing the digitized signals into at least one data stream, the multiplexer coupled to the compression means;
 - iv. means for modulating the at least one digital data stream into a radio frequency band, coupled to the multiplexing means;
 - v. RF upconverter means coupled to the modulating means for channelizing the at least one modulated multiplexed digital data stream into the radio frequency band;
 - vi. at least one amplifier coupled to the RF upconverter means for amplifying the at least one modulated digital data stream; and
 - vii. at least one antenna for transmitting the at least one amplified, channelized, modulated, digital data stream; and
- c. a return path subsystem coupled to the program subsystem and to the telecommunications system, including processing means adapted for receiving over the telecommunications system communications from the subscribers;

whereby an aggregation of programming sources may be provided point to multipoint to subscribers by way of digital broadcast and subscriber input regarding the broadcast can be taken into account by the communications system.

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33. (Newly Added) The communications system according to claim 32, wherein the processing means of the return path subsystem is further adapted to communicate with the program subsystem on receiving a communication from a subscriber, and the processing means of the program subsystem is further adapted to modify the received signals on receiving a communication from the return path subsystem, whereby the transmission may be modified in response to a subscriber request.

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34. (Newly Added) The communications system according to claim 32, wherein the return path subsystem further comprises data storage means, and wherein the return path subsystem processing means is further adapted to create a record corresponding to communications received from subscribers and to store that record in the data storage means.